

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application.

Claims 10-12 were withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1-9 are rejected.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-5 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by USPN 2,808,916 to Johnson. Applicant addresses the rejection under Johnson by more particularly pointing out the Applicant's invention is not taught by the cited art.

The rejection should be withdrawn because Johnson '916 patent does not teach, or suggest, each and every element of independent claim 1, as amended to include the requirement of fluid communication of the timing device and pressure regulator with the reservoir controlled by a valve. Specifically, the Johnson '916 patent teaches that the system is controlled and shut off through the "*longitudinal movement of ring 16*" and not through a user controlled valve as claimed by the applicant. Johnson teaches that "*[l]ongitudinal movement of the ring 16 is used to actuate a valve 72 for controlling the rate of discharge of air from the reservoir and hence the pressure in such reservoir.*" (See Col. 4, lines 37-40) Thus the mechanical communication of the spring through inertia is what controls the pressure and not fluid communication.

The Johnson '916 patent does not anticipate claims 1-5 and 9 as now amended as it does not have a user adjustable valve to control reservoir pressure. The amended claim 1 should advance the application to allowance. Thus, in light of the enclosed amendment, the rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn and the claim allowed. In that claims 2-5 and 9 depend from independent claim 1, they too should be allowed.

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Rejections Under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 6-8 are rejected as being obvious in view of USPN 2,808,916 to Johnson. Claims 6-8 depend upon independent claim 1. Claim 1 as now amended is not obvious in view of Johnson. The Johnson '916 patent fails to teach a user adjustable valve to control torque and timing. The Johnson '916 patent teaches the adjustment of a spring that mechanically communicates with a valve using inertia to shut off torque to the motor that is tripped by the spring when the workpiece stops the movement of the motor. Claim 1 is allowable over Johnson, and thus claims 6-8 that depend upon claim 1 are allowable also. The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and removal of the obviousness rejection of claims 6-8.

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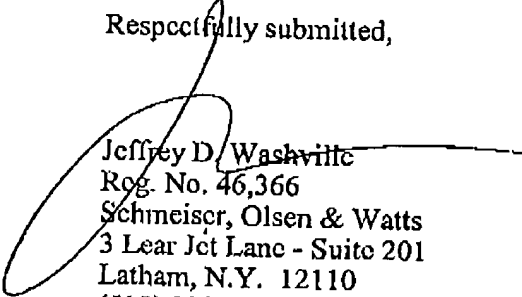
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CONCLUSION

Based on the preceding amendments, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9 and the entire application meet the acceptance criteria for allowance and therefore request favorable action. Applicant respectfully requests entry of the after final amendment to advance the application to allowance. Applicant believes that the amendment submitted is fully supported by the specification and does not require an additional search. If the Examiner believes anything further would be helpful to place the application in better condition for allowance, Applicant invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below. The Director is hereby authorized to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 19-0513.

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